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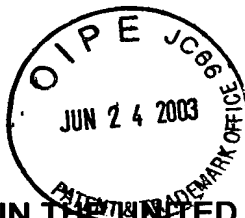
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In response to the Office Action of March 19, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 34 of page 5 with the following replacement paragraph:

--As shown in Figure 3, in place of two optical sensors, one single optical sensor 13 can be put in place, on which, via a stereooptical instrument 14, images are imaged which are offset to each other by a defined amount. The stereooptical instrument has two optical ray paths, having rerouting elements 15, 16 and 17 arranged within them, lenses 18 and 19 being arranged at the input to the stereooptical instrument. The rays taken up by the optical paths, offset to each other, of the stereooptical instrument, strike adjoining, separate sensor zones in the optical sensor 13. That means, a sensor here records two images, which are evaluated in the image processor 8 exactly the same as in the exemplary embodiment according to Figure 2.--.